



Literary Genres



POETRY

a type of literature, or artistic writing, that attempts to stir a reader's imagination or emotions

Ex. "Stopping by the Woods on a Snowy Evening" by Robert Frost

NON-FICTION

Biography: a account of someone's life written by someone else

Ex. Who Was Henry Ford? by Michael Burgan

Auto-Biography: a self-written account of one's own life

Ex. Reaching for the Moon by Katherine Johnson

FICTION

Fantasy: made-up stories that could not happen in real life

Ex. The Wonderful Wizard of Oz by L. Frank Baum

Mystery: not true stories that include a secret or crime to solve

Ex. Harriet the Spy by Louise Fitzhugh

Traditional: stories passed down through the generations (fairy/folk tales)

Ex. Lon Po Po by Ed Young

Realistic Fiction: made-up, but could happen in real life

Ex. Wonder by R.J. Palacio

Science Fiction: unlikely to happen stories based in science or technology

Ex. A Wrinkle in Time by Madeline L'Engle

Historical Fiction: not true, but based on events in history

Ex. I Survived the San Francisco Earthquake, 1906 by Lauren Tarshis